

GUIDED MISSILE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT : Supplemental Information

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1. In the past few years, intelligence on the Soviet guided missile program has been based to a considerable degree on reports by German scientists and technicians who had worked in the USSR in an extension of the German program or on specific projects separate from native Soviet research. *Although* Recent developments, particularly within the last year, have significantly improved the quality of our intelligence information and expanded the extent of our general knowledge of the Soviet guided missile program. *the int information available fairly to meet the increasing guided missile requirements* The increased availability of information on our own guided missile program has considerably enhanced our ability to analyze developments in the Soviet program and has permitted a discerning revaluation of previous intelligence estimates and of interpretations of intelligence information. Concurrently with these developments, the technical and engineering minds of western countries, working with the intelligence services have focused on new techniques for the technical collection of guided missile intelligence. Results from this emphasis have begun flowing into intelligence evaluation

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channels are being reflected in current intelligence estimates

and reporting. As additional technical collection techniques are implemented and the results integrated into intelligence processing, intelligence estimates will more accurately portray the Soviet guided missile program.

2. All phases of the Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC) activity are expected to become more intensified during the next three years as foreign guided missile programs progress from the Research and Development (R&D) phase to operational deployment. It is anticipated that GMIC will initiate or increase emphasis on the following:

a. Promoting greater exchange of guided missile intelligence through Committee contacts and through the activities of various ad hoc subcommittees and/or working groups which will be established in response to specific problems.

b. Producing reports on significant foreign guided missile intelligence developments and preparing appropriate coordinated contributions in the field of guided missile intelligence for various national intelligence estimates. Providing the major contribution to the national intelligence estimate on "Soviet Capabilities and Probable Programs in the Guided Missile Field" on an annual basis or as required.

c. Highlighting guided missile intelligence gaps and deficiencies, developing indicators relative to these gaps and deficiencies, and insuring that appropriate guidance is available to the collection effort. Reviewing technical collection techniques for guided missile intelligence information and advising

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the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) of the feasibility of such techniques. In this connection, specific plans are being implemented to provide coordinated community guidance

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d. Providing support to other IAC subcommittees in matters relating to guided missile intelligence, including specific guidance to the Standing Committee on Exchanges relative to the guided missile intelligence implications of all proposed exchanges with the Soviets.

e. Providing staff support to the IAC and appropriate presentations to IAC subcommittees relative to international conferences on guided missile intelligence. Examples of this type of activity are the periodic [REDACTED] Electronics Conferences and the recently initiated [REDACTED] Guided Missile Intelligence Conferences, which are projected on an annual basis.

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f. Communicating through formal and informal channels with friendly foreign nations to encourage the exchange of appropriate guided missile intelligence and advance the general US intelligence community level of analysis and evaluation of guided missile intelligence.

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g. Continuing, as a matter of the highest priority, to provide the Chairman, IAC, with current information relative to significant developments in foreign guided missile programs.

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